एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Incident of earth fall on Jhuggis in Sameypur Badli, Delhi

1504. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of persons have been buried alive and many injured as a huge mound of earth fall on a cluster of jhuggis at Sameypur Badli in Delhi on the 30th March, 1990;

(b) if so, the details of the persons injured and killed due to fall of huge mound of earth;

(c) the details of compensation paid by the Government to the victims; and

(d) what further steps Government propose to take to provide relief to the affected persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) and (b) 10 persons were killed and 9 persons injured when a huge mound caved in over jhuggis in Suraj Park in the area of Police Station Sameypur Badli on the night on 31st March, 1990 (not on 30th March, 1990). The age of the persons who died varied from 2 months to 40 years and of the injured persons from 6 months to 30 years.

(c) and (d) An amount of Rs. 20,000/- for the death of an adult, Rs. 10,000 for death of a minor, Rs. 3,000/- for the seriously injured and Rs. 500/- for those with minor injuries has been sanctioned as ex-gratia relief.

Economy in postal services

1505. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider ways and means of inducing economy in the postal services;

(b) whether it is a fact that the available option of annual price increases of postal articles has taken away the icentive of trying to economise and obtain better results;

(c) whether Government would consider setting up a task force to suggest reduction of waste and duplication etc. in the postal service; and

(d) if not, the steps to be taken in reducing wastage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Effecting economy in the Postal Service is a continuous exercise. Since 80% of the expenditure of the Postal services is on staff and establishment, stress is laid on tightening of standards and norms for sanction of staff through the Internal Work Study Unit of the Department and the Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance. Rationalisation of deliveries without decreasing efficiency, selective mechanisation and computerisation of operations etc. are other measures which are adopted for the purpose of economy.

(b) Revision of the rates of various postal services is not resorted to as a routine and regular measure. For instance, the price of the Post Card has not been revised since 1974. Since the staff costs from a major part of the expenditure of the Department of Posts, revision of salary scales as a result of the Pay Commission and the normal increase in the Dearness Allowance of about Rs. 60 crores per annum necessitate adjustment of the Postal rates keeping in view the need to maintain the service at the least possible cost.

(c) and (d) Government appointed an Expert Committee in 1987 to recommend measures to bring about excellence in the postal service. The Committee has made a number of recommendations for increasing efficiency and decreasing the cost. The recommendations are in various stages of consideration and when implemented in full are likely to bring about efficiency both in terms of service and expenditure. The deficit of the postal service which was about Rs. 216 crores in 1986-87 was brought down to about Rs. 169 crores in 1988-89 through various measures taken to contain expenditure.

Obscene and objectionable scenes in the Films

1506. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken to ensure that obscene and objectionable scenes are not allowed in films;

(b) whether Government are aware that some TV advertisements are also border line cases touching on obscenty; and

(c) what steps are being taken to avoid such ads ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) The Central Government have issued detailed guidelines under section 5B(2) of the Cinematograph Act to the Central Boar of Film Certification to ensure, *inter alia*, that obscene and objectionable scenes are not shown in films which are certified by them for public exhibition.

(b) and (c) Advertisements for telecast on Doordarshan are accepted only after ensuring their suitability for family viewing. Care is taken to see that advertisements do not offend sensibilities, decency and religious susceptibilities of the people and that they are in conformity with the Code of Advertising on Doordarshan. No. advertising is permitted which projects a derogatory image of women and it is ensured that the protrayal of the female is decent and artistic and within the well established norms of good taste and decency.

कश्मीर के नेताओं से बातचीत

1507. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले एक महीने के दौरान कश्मीर के किन-किन नेताओं तथा दलों के प्रतिनिधियों से भारतीय नेताओं तथा अधिकारियों की बातचीत हुई है ;

(ख) उनकी मुख्य मांगें क्या हैं और उन पर भारत सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ; और

(ग) क्या उन्हें निकट भविष्य में दिल्ली में आमंत्रित करके उनके साथ बातचीत करने का प्रस्ताव है ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) सरकार को किसी प्रकार के समझौता/बातचीत के बारे में जानकारी नहीं है और न ही निकट भविष्य के लिए इस प्रकार का कोई प्रस्ताव मंत्रालय के पास है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Interference by Iran in India's internal affairs

1508. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reports have appeared in newspapers